

LATEST TWELEVE PAGES. THE FIRST GUNS FIRED.

The Chinese Town of Kelung Bombaraded and Captured.

Intense Heat and an Increase of Cholera Cases Cause a Panic in France—English Cholera Spreading Rapidly in Lancashire—Cable Flashes.

LONDON, August 9.—A dispatch from Shanghai to-day to Reuters' Telegram states that the vessels of the French squadron under Admiral Lespes bombarded and captured the town of Kelung, on the island of Formosa.

CONFIRMED.—The occupation of Kelung by the French is confirmed.

FRANCE MEANS BUSINESS.—Paris, August 9.—It is stated semi-officially that negotiations between France and the French Minister in China, and 14 Hung Chang, only resulted in an offer on the part of China to accept the French ultimatum. The time given China to accept the French ultimatum expired August 4. France is obliged to support her demands by seizing the guarantee. Admiral Lespes therefore, August 5, occupied the port of Kelung and the coal mines in the vicinity. The French have been in Kelung since August 5. The French ultimatum was issued August 4. The French ultimatum was issued August 4. The French ultimatum was issued August 4.

THE THUNDERBOLTS ADVANCE.—London, August 9.—The French ultimatum to the Times to-day says: "France refuses to submit the Franco-Chinese difficulty to mediation. Advice from Peking August 8 states that Tung Li Yamen has resigned confidence and will disregard the chronic menace of the French fleet. French prestige can only be recovered by serious operations."

MANCHESTER, August 9, Morning.—Extensive preparations are being made for the Conservative meeting at Pomona Gardens to-day. It is expected to be an imposing affair. The Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Randolph Churchill and other great Conservative leaders will be among the speakers. Over 10,000 tickets have been secured. Arrangements are being made for over 10,000 tickets outside the grounds. Resolutions will be submitted approving the action of the Lords in rejecting the franchise bill.

THE CHOLERA SPREADING.—London, August 9.—English cholera has appeared in several districts of Lancashire, and is making considerable headway. The number stricken with it exceeds 200, and five deaths have occurred. The cholera is spreading rapidly in Lancashire, and is making considerable headway. The number stricken with it exceeds 200, and five deaths have occurred. The cholera is spreading rapidly in Lancashire, and is making considerable headway. The number stricken with it exceeds 200, and five deaths have occurred.

AN INFAMOUS LIFE.—A letter has been received by John Boyle O'Reilly from Michael Davitt relating to a statement, recently published, that he was at war with Mr. Parnell. Davitt says: "I have never seen or heard of Michael Davitt since he left the United States. I have never seen or heard of Michael Davitt since he left the United States. I have never seen or heard of Michael Davitt since he left the United States."

THE STANDARD'S POWER.—The Standard has largely increased the special powers of Lord Northbrook, High Commissioner to Egypt, a great mental writer.

SIR ERASMUS WILSON.—The well known medical writer, in dead end, has been found by Sir Erasmus Wilson, J. L. D., F. R. S., was one of the most distinguished men of this century. He was born in 1810 and became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1831. He was successively senior, member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and a member of the Royal College of Surgeons. He was successively senior, member of the Royal College of Surgeons, and a member of the Royal College of Surgeons.

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TOO MANY WIVES.

The Bigamist Arrested at Bridgeport, Conn., Yesterday.

Three of His Victims Have Already Reported and There is No Telling How Many More There Are to Come—An Extensive Correspondence.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., August 9.—The triple charge of bigamy, forgery and theft has been preferred against a dashing looking young man calling himself James Abbott, and claiming this town as his home, who was arrested here to-day by Detectives Taylor and Arnold, after a search lasting for more than a month. Three wives have already been heard from and it is thought that other innocent young girls have been victimized, but the full extent of his crime is not known yet. He is a tall, dark, well-dressed man, and is now in the custody of the police. He is now in the custody of the police. He is now in the custody of the police.

WADY HALFA.—Several deserters who were captured have been flogged in the presence of the troops.

Austria.—Vienna, August 9.—At Pressburg camp, Hofor, who has gained fame in several campaigns, shot his wife dead and then suicided.

THE MCGUFFIN FUNERAL.—Resolutions Passed by the Post-Dispatch Employees in Honor of the Late Business Manager.

At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the representatives of the Post-Dispatch employees gathered in the editorial rooms of the paper to take action upon the death of Mr. John M. McGuffin, late Business Manager of the Post-Dispatch. Mr. John A. Dillon was called to the Chair and the following resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Resolved, That we regret the death of our friend and associate, John M. McGuffin, in the full prime of his life, and that we deplore the untimely death of our friend and associate.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere condolences to the family of the late John M. McGuffin, and that we extend our sympathy to the family of the late John M. McGuffin.

A committee consisting of Samuel Williams, W. C. Steigler, Frank K. O'Neil, W. A. Hobbs and John Williams was appointed to prepare a eulogy for the funeral service to be held at the office of the Post-Dispatch, Sunday, and to wait at Lynch's where the funeral services will be held.

JOHN M. MCGUFFIN.—Funeral Services at His Residence in New York City.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.—New York, August 9.—Funeral services over the remains of Mr. John M. McGuffin, late business manager of the World, were held yesterday afternoon at his residence, No. 137 West Twenty-second Street, by Rev. Mr. Edward M. Dennis of the Episcopal Church officiating. There was a large attendance of friends and acquaintances.

VERY HARMONIOUS.—Pittsburgh, Pa., August 9.—The National Convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, which opened yesterday morning, was very harmonious. The convention was held at the Hotel Pittsburgh. The convention was held at the Hotel Pittsburgh. The convention was held at the Hotel Pittsburgh.

CUT HIS THROAT.—Suicide of a Cucumber Cutter on a Farm Near Allen.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.—ALLEN, Ill., August 9.—Thomas C. Wordsworth, a young man apparently 25 or 30 years of age, committed suicide on the Hull farm, about seven miles from Allen, by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a large knife, with which he had been employed for that work the day before. He came to Allen several days ago, having tramped from Texas, where he had contracted swamp fever. Among his personal effects were found a Bible and several letters from his family, including a letter from his mother, Mrs. J. H. Hartley, which more could be learned of his history. The remains were buried in the City Cemetery.

SUNK IN THE MISSOURI.—Steamer Martha Stephens Goes Down at Booneville Island.

The steamer Martha Stephens struck an obstruction near Booneville Island, in the Missouri River, this morning, and sank in eight feet of water. The Martha was built about a year ago for the trade between Booneville and Arrow Rock, at a cost of over \$12,000, by Capt. Henry McPherson, her present owner. At the time she sank she had a cargo aboard worth about \$5,000, which will probably prove a total loss. The inquiry to the boat is being conducted by the Missouri River Commission. The boat was carrying a cargo of about 800 tons of coal and 100 tons of lumber. The boat was carrying a cargo of about 800 tons of coal and 100 tons of lumber.

GREAT BIG CROPS.—Report of the National Department of Agriculture—The Figures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 9.—The Department of Agriculture reports that the average condition of cotton has increased from 36 in July to 40 in August. The report also states that the average condition of wheat has increased from 36 in July to 40 in August. The report also states that the average condition of wheat has increased from 36 in July to 40 in August.

Fair Facts.—The Fair Association is negotiating with three Eastern firms for the use of the elevator and tower during Fair week. That has formerly always been an attractive feature for visitors and the passengers carried often numbered 10,000 daily. From the observatory, 188 feet from the ground, a magnificent sweep of country is brought into view. The tower is 100 feet high and the winding of the river being distinctly discernible.

Arrangements will be made with the Signal Office by which a detailed observer will be at the observatory during the Fair week, and her observations will be published in the Post-Dispatch. The practical workings of the barometer, gauges, and other apparatus will be witnessed by the public.

Plans and specifications are for a permanent building to be erected by the Pacific, United States and Ohio Mississippi Express companies. There is no chance for a combination of about \$2,000 will be spent in its erection.

A large corrugated iron building will be erected by the Southern Railway Company for putting up other structures are being granted.

A \$10,000 Log.—John Wiedenmann brought suit for \$10,000 damages to-day against Ernest Decker, the livery stable keeper. His petition, just filed in the Circuit Court, sets forth that on June 22 he hired a wagon and driver to take him and four ladies and a child to Creve Coeur Lake. On the way there, he alleged, the driver got drunk and when near Creve Coeur Lake, he drove the wagon into the water, and the child was killed. The driver was killed by the wagon. The driver was killed by the wagon. The driver was killed by the wagon.

Struck Him With a Pick.—Cincinnati, Aug. 9.—At Bellevue, Ky., to-day, Conrad Hans, a teamster, driving a quarrel with George Miller, agent for a sand bank, struck him with a pick, inflicting a mortal wound.

Woolen Mill Closed.—ALBANY, N. Y., August 9.—Shawm, Fritz & Co., proprietors of the Home Woolen Mill, failed to-day. Liabilities, \$100,000.

Liabilities and Assets Unknown.—PHILADELPHIA, August 9.—George W. Jacoby & Son, one of the largest firms of marble dealers in this city, assigned to-day. Their liabilities and assets are at present unknown. Their difficulties are attributed to a sudden increase in the price of marble, and to a sudden increase in the price of marble.

No Money for Maria.—August P. C. Buennemann's attorneys occupied eleven solid pages of the local press in preparing his petition for divorce from his wife Maria, whom he married in 1880, in Hanover. Two years subsequent to his marriage August came to America, and, desiring to have his wife follow him, he wrote her, informing her that he intended shortly to send her a ticket to bring her to America. Maria wrote back that she longed to be with him once more, but said that she would not leave her home and children, and instructed August to send her the necessary money order. August, however, had been posted by some friends regarding certain things which had been going on at Hanover since he left, and refused to comply. He has held the ticket provisionally open for a couple of years, and now he thinks he has every right to be considered a man and a child, to choose a successor to the perdition Maria.

Distinguished Visitors.—Invitations requesting their presence at the Exposition opening and Trades Display procession, were issued this afternoon to the distinguished visitors, and it is expected that all the answers will be received by the end of next week.

President Arthur, Grover Cleveland, J. G. Blaine, John A. Logan, Thos. A. Hendricks, Senator Cocke, and others, will be present.

Call for a Republican Convention.—By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch. St. Louis, Mo., August 9.—The Republican Congressional Committee of the Sixth District held a meeting in this place yesterday and issued a call for a convention to be held in Sedalia September 4, to nominate a candidate.

A Brakeman Horribly Mangled.—Sedalia, Mo., August 9.—Blake Guthrie, a brakeman at Calhoun railway station, was horribly mangled. He had hold of the iron bolt on top of a car when it gave way and left eight cars and the engine on the track. He was killed. He was killed. He was killed.

Why He Killed Himself.—The inquest this afternoon on the body of Edward Coleman, the young married man who committed suicide yesterday, developed the fact that he had been suffering from a heart disease. He had been suffering from a heart disease. He had been suffering from a heart disease.

THE FIGHT IS ON.

And it Will Rage Desperately Till Eight O'Clock To-Night.

A Forlorn Hope of the Little Doctor—Curious Colonization Scheme Discussed—McGarry Explains His Action—Political Notes.

Further investigation as to the action of yesterday's meeting of prominent Republicans and Greenbackers of the State goes to confirm what the Post-Dispatch published yesterday that no plan of fusion was agreed upon. Gov. Fletcher who went into the meeting strongly in favor of a fusion of all parties against the Democracy, came out in a great fit of disgust because he could not induce the meeting to formulate this idea. Capt. Samuel Hays presided at the meeting in a masterly manner, but was unable to steer it into a safe winning course. There was a very general sentiment in favor of supporting "anybody to beat Marmaduke," but no unanimity of opinion as to what anybody should be. The party which had assembled on unofficial invitations to the meeting, were not in a mood to support a fusion of all parties against the Democracy, came out in a great fit of disgust because he could not induce the meeting to formulate this idea. Capt. 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The administration cats are away and the committee rats are cruelly bleeding the poor defenseless clerks.

HEARING that LOGAN is in doubt about taking the stump, the Chicago Times advises him to climb a tree. This implies that he is not out of the woods yet.

THE Municipal Assembly has its doubts about Dr. KOCHE's theory of microbes. They want somebody to show them a microbe, or at least a bacillus, or even a vibrio, before they consent to spend any money for cleaning the city.

THE new registration in the Fifteenth Ward is suspiciously large, and bears a deadly portend that Col. FRATHEY, who is a natural statesman, may be snowed under by an untimely storm of adverse ballots from a ward which he should hold in the hollow of his hand.

TOPEKA is a city in which it is against the law to take a drink, and under the law to lead a woman with ball and chain and set her to work in the streets. There are some things in the laws of Kansas which are suited only to the millennium and some other things which are fit only for hell.

ACTION on the proposed sanitation of the city was delayed by the absence of two out of a committee of five. Members of the Municipal Assembly who do not think it worth while to remain in St. Louis during the sessions of the Assembly would do well to make room for those who do.

THE Congressional Convention at Montgomery City yesterday wasted 496 ballots without choosing a nominee, and the chances are that after they pick out a man and nominate him and elect him his whole record in Congress will consist in saying: "Mr. Speaker, I move we adjourn."

THE Arkansas citizen who refused to mend his roof in the rain and whose roof did not need mending in dry weather finds his imitators in the Municipal Assembly, where they are unwilling to clean the city before any epidemic comes. Of course after the epidemic comes it is too late to do anything.

NATIVE talent that can be enlisted in the service of the Plumed Knight is so scarce in New York City that ELKINS has drawn on Cincinnati and started MURRAY HALESTAD in the publication of a "penny dreadful." The West has an inexhaustible surplus, and can spare all the able journalists needed to keep the New York press up to the needs of the age.

THE list of great men who have been taking part in the mysterious conferences between the Greenbackers and the Republicans in St. Louis is enough to inspire terror in the stoutest Democratic heart, and yet we have a reasonable assurance that when November comes around Missouri will be found in the Democratic column with the customary majority.

HALF a million dollars' worth of JOHN ROACH's property fed the flames in his Chesapeake ship-yard yesterday. Work will go right on, however, and some way will be found to make the loss fall on Uncle Sam. It has long been understood that our naval appropriations are made, not to supply us with a sea-worthy navy, but to keep JOHN ROACH's ship-yard in profitable operation.

A REPUBLICAN has been elected a Judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals in a district hitherto Democratic. Judge RICHARD REID, one of the candidates for the Democratic nomination, was driven to suicide by the fight made on him, and thereafter his competitor obtained the nomination. There was blood on it, and, though the nominee was probably not to blame, he had to suffer defeat on account of the feeling aroused by the behavior of some of his friends.

It is bad enough to be under the rule of monopoly during life, but it adds a new terror to death to learn that even in our graves the pooling system pursues us and adds a profit of fifty per cent to the cost of our coffin, as the bill is sent in to our heirs by the gentlemanly undertaker. All that is needed now is for the midwives and accoucheurs to form a pool on the plan of charging all that the traffic will bear, and then the life of the American citizen from the cradle to the grave would be harmonious and consistent.

As the time approaches for the opening of the Exposition, and the almost miraculous progress made from day to day is a guarantee that it will be opened at the appointed time, it becomes evident that the Exposition and the Fair, far from interfering with each other, will lend mutual countenance and aid. A great many people will come to the Fair who would not have come if there had been no Exposition,

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THE WAR OVER.

Wherever a strong ex-Confederate can be used against the Democratic party the Republican party does not hesitate to promote him, and no Republican organ withholds from him its support. The Republican party is now bidding liberally for Confederate influence to aid in carrying Southern States, and to this end it honors, rewards and supports men of the MAHON and RINDLEBERGER stamp, not in spite of the fact that they were Rebels, but because they were Rebels. It has no use for the life-long Republicans of Virginia and treats them with cold consideration as compared with the men through whom it is trying to establish a straight Confederate ascendancy in the politics of that State.

In view of this overshadowing fact, the fuss Republican organs are pretending to make about the nomination of ex-Confederates by the Democrats of Missouri is such a hollow mockery that it amounts to a wanton reflection on the intelligence and good sense of their readers. The time has gone by for making gallant and faithful service on either side a test of party orthodoxy or a reason for refusing to trust a man in office. When the Republican party no longer does it, and ex-Confederate Democrats all over the Union have for so many years given the most cordial support to Union soldier nominees, it is plain poppycock to impute any nomination in Missouri to old war sentiments. The Democrats who now seem about to nominate MAHON over a competitor who was also in the rebel army, are the same Democrats who four years ago nominated a Union soldier over MAHON.

This proves as clearly as acts can prove anything that the color of the uniform a Democrat wore twenty years ago can neither secure him a Democratic nomination nor deprive him of it in this State. To nominate a man because he was a rebel soldier would be monstrously absurd, but not more so than to refuse him a nomination for that reason. The Democrats of Missouri have not been justly chargeable with either absurdity so far, and will probably be guiltless of it in the future. But for the sake of appearances that will not encourage appeals to old war prejudices, it is to be hoped that they may this time again present a ticket so fairly representing all elements of the party that it will silence that sort of clamor.

A KANSAS BOLT.

After a session the Prohibition Central Committee of Kansas have issued an address calling a State Convention to meet in Topeka, September 2, for the purpose of nominating a Prohibition State ticket and St. John electors.

In assigning reasons for their course they say that the Republican party, "has prided itself on being the temperance party and the exponent of morality and progress," ignored the Prohibition question in its National Convention, and in Kansas compromised on a platform and candidate for Governor avowedly accepted for the purpose of conciliating the Anti-Prohibition wing of the party. The Republican nominee for Governor of Kansas, they say, is not a Prohibitionist, but simply stands by the law and favors its enforcement so long as it remains on the statute books, and the State platform on which he stands simply affirms this, and nothing more. At the same time his party is divided on the question and one wing insists on continuing the agitation for a reënvision of the prohibition section of the Constitution to the people. The committee protest against this as a step backward and call on all true Prohibitionists not to let their standard be lowered or their cause be sacrificed to maintain the unity and serve the campaign exigencies of the Republican party.

We observe that VAN BENNETT's name heads the signatures affixed to this address. VAN left the Democrats to help the Republicans fasten Prohibition on Kansas, and he doubtless represents a considerable class of voters who will vote the Republican ticket only when it is an out-and-out Prohibition ticket nominated on an out-and-out Prohibition platform. But the great mass of Kansas Prohibitionists are Republicans who, like their brethren in Iowa and Maine, regard BLAINE as a true and tried friend of Prohibition, and the Republican party as the one through which all the success of Prohibition has been achieved, the party on which it must depend for all its future successes. Still, there are other States, like Illinois and Indiana, where there is less ground for Prohibition confidence in the Republican party, and there is every reason to believe that its past relations to the Maine policy will cut like a two-edged knife in this contest.

TO-DAY'S primaries will furnish a very fair test of the significance of the complaints which come so frequently from our "best citizens," about the condition of local politics. We cannot promise that the utmost efforts of the friends of honesty to-day will prevail against the consolidated power of the bunnymen who have things pretty generally under their control. But we say that if our best citizens on any excuse or pretext whatever stay away from the voting places to-day, they should forever after hold their peace about the results. And we say, furthermore, that if the men who have only an honest interest in politics, the men who are prominent by their business and social standing—if the men who are prominent out of politics were to exert their influence in politics, they would have a very easy campaign in routing the bunnymen, who merely occupy an undisputed territory.

THE ex-Confederate Reunion in Dallas is an expression of the same sentiment which finds expression in the reunions of the Army of the Tennessee and of the Grand Army of the Re-

public at Minneapolis. It means that brave men who years ago united by the strong tie of sharing common dangers and privations are glad to meet each other under happier surroundings, to repeat the old stories, to learn the new records of each other's life, and to make their future richer by all the gain of friendship and good feeling which such a meeting inevitably begets. It means something more than this. It is an expression of devotion to the Union, a proof of patriotism as deep and sincere as that which animates those survivors of the Union army who meet at Minneapolis. He is a poor patriot who would seek to manufacture partisan capital out of either meeting, and he is a poor citizen who does not understand that his country-to-day has equal reason to be proud of both gatherings of her sons.

SATURDAY CHAT.

FREQUENTERS of the Cave have been highly amused at the antics of an exquisite actor of St. Louis aristocracy. It is well known that few carriages are used by the Cave habitués, most of them preferring to take a summer evening walk or to take cheap seats in the street cars. This young gentleman, however, according to mingle with the common herd in a plebeian public conveyance, and fearing lest the base earth might too familiarly caress his footstep patent-leathers, rides in his coupe, the coupe being a very small one, and his dainty inmate steps gingerly out, pig, with a lordly wave to his driver to await his pleasure, paces with arms akimbo and cane in air to the front row. The coupe may sometimes be seen waiting at the gate in the daytime while its owner assumes himself with the chorus girls between the acts of rehearsals.

THERE is a queer old character who rides in and out of the city frequently on one of the suburban trains. He is an old gentleman who is evidently of his journey, and he is always with a thumb and worn copy of the New Testament, which he carries in a convenient side pocket, and from which he seems to be constantly refreshing and adding to his scriptural knowledge. He has a singular way of showing his reverence for the book. He takes the copy from his pocket, removes his hat and opens the book. Then he apparently reads a passage over several times, closes the book, and, replacing his hat, repeats the passage until he has it thoroughly. This performance is gone over again and again with scrupulous exactness until the end of his journey, where he takes the book and puts it back in his pocket. This is always done during the reading and is on during the repeating of the passages. Evidently the old gentleman draws a wide distinction between the reverence due the reading of the Word and the repetition of it from memory.

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THE WEEK ABROAD.

THE question of water supply is agitating Londoners at present, in view of the enormous amount required for daily consumption, and the bad quality of a large part of the water furnished by the companies. At the beginning of the present year the daily supply required was 150,000,000 gallons, an increase of nearly one hundred millions in thirty years. A large part of the burden of this increase falls on the Thames, which is actually showing a considerable diminution in volume, sufficient to create alarm. More than this, the sewage carried off by the Thames is so great as to render the water extremely impure, and statistics show that the mortality in those portions of the city supplied with water from the river was more than three times greater than in other portions during cholera years.

A CORRESPONDENT of the London Times offers a very rough and specific method of checking the spread of epidemics such as cholera. He suggests that the ports in which the disease has broken out be burned completely, so that not a vestige of the towns will remain. He does not say whether the disease-stricken people shall be included in the conflagration, but it is suggested further that the rest of the world will willingly bear the expenses incurred in this disinfectant method.

ONE of the chief attractions of the Health Exhibition in London is a Chinese court. Here everything pertaining to Chinese life is shown. There are Chinese drawing-rooms, bed-rooms, kitchens and dining-rooms; a Chinese theatre, where performances are given, Chinese bands which discourse Chinese music. There is also a Chinese restaurant, where all the dainties of the Celestial Empire, such as sharks' fins, sea slugs, birds' nest soup, Shoo-shing wine punches and real tea. It is the most popular spot in the exhibition.

FEW women would have the nerve and presence of mind ascribed to one in an incident an account of which appeared in a London paper. This lady was taking an evening stroll on the Thames embankment when she was met by a dandy-dressed young man, who, addressing a remark to her, snatched her purse, watch and chain. The lady was not deterred, but the lady at once halted a hansom cab, and, ordering the driver to keep the fellow in sight, gave chase. After proceeding in this way through innumerable streets and lanes she sighted a policeman, pounced on the thief and recovered her property.

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VON MOLTKE goes "unattended by even a single servant." If Mr. Von M. doesn't take care, his neighbors will be circulating a rumor that he is poor.

MR. CHARLES MANLY, who has just died in England at the age of 80, will be remembered as the man who built the first iron steamship that made a sea voyage.

MATTHEW ARNOLD and Oscar Wilde allude to themselves as being "renascants," whatever that may be. What a crazy quilt could be made out of such remnants.

MR. BAIN, the driver of Maud S., may soon be owning a Maud S. of his own. He made the nice, juicy plum of \$10,000 by beating the best time of Jay-Kee-See on Saturday.

LORD MANDEVILLE says the American gambler is as stolid and indifferent as the dealer. Some one must have made his lordship lay down a royal flush for a pair of deuces.

BECAUSE Robert Bonner of the New York Ledger gave one bell to a church, he is now being derided nearly crazy by applications from every struggling congregation in the country.

MR. JOSEPH OUTWATE, nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Ohio Thirteenth District in place of Hon. Geo. L. Converse, married a niece of the late George Peabody and received from the great London banker a handsome dowry with the bride.

LIEUTENANT JOHN COLWELL, navigator of the Bear, which rescued the Greely party, is a son of Capt. James Colwell who was killed at the battle of Antietam. His home is Carlisle, Pa., and his family are well known throughout the Cumberland Valley.

The oldest Democrat in the country is Capt. Jotham Johnson of South Durham, Me., born September 20, 1784, who voted for Jefferson and every subsequent Democratic candidate, and who hopes to live long enough to vote for Grover Cleveland, for a second term if necessary.

WOMEN OF THE WORLD.

REINHARDT is now wearing stockings for a Jersey.

Mrs. MARY O'BRYEN, aged 98, is the oldest inhabitant of Portland, Me.

The man who is hugged by the Georgia wonder will realize the power of the press.

The French city of La Chaux is to inaugurate the monument to Geo. Sand next Sunday.

A COBBLER makes declares that American girls are the worst in the world for tight lacing.

SARATOGA is full of charming young widows who will doubtless get rid of their weeds in the present round of garden parties.

Mrs. TRO, the French operatic singer, has just become a widow. It is but two months since her rival, Judic, also lost her husband.

RUSSIA will begin her American tour at the Chestnut Street Opera House, on November 10, in "Marie Antoinette." She is to play in English.

The wife of a Methodist preacher in Dublin, Ga., occupies his pulpit and preaches about as often as he does, and the population is divided as to her course.

THE Hurst girl, a Georgia wonder, always twists and breaks a borrowed umbrella. Such strength, if rightly directed, would make her a treasure over a wash tub.

The Prince of Wales, bears testimony that the Princess is an admirable wife. From this we infer that his Highness is not obliged to use a nail to fasten his suspenders.

AN American woman named Scroggin was married to a Chinaman named Wan Lung the other day in Denver. As neither desired to take the other's name they compromised on "Smith."

Mrs. LANGTRY is mentioned as a woman well able to take care of herself. Mrs. Langtry is not only a woman who can take care of herself, but who can support, very comfortably, a husband.

CHRISTINE NILSSON, who has got socially higher than any other prima donna of her time, is to spend a week as the fellow guest of the King of Sweden at Taymouth Castle, the seat of Lady Breadalbane.

QUEEN KALIA, the coal-black African potentate of Italy's new colony of Assab, now housing at Turin, which only sweet sixteen, is the mother of two young prince-colored princes, respectively seven and five years of age.

Mrs. EUNICE HOLMISTER, of East Glastonbury, Conn., will celebrate her 100th birthday, August 9, and undoubtedly her husband, the late Nehemiah Holmister, would have been present to assist on the happy occasion had he not always been, unhappily for himself, a pronounced Prohibitionist.

MR. ESTELLA BAKER, only seventeen, is the latest professor of mind-reading in England, but as she is very pretty and knows it, Miss Baker complains that she has great difficulty with her male subjects, each one becoming also a roamer and turning from his own ideas to dwell upon the charms of the operators.

A gentleman who accompanied Capt. Webb on his successful swim across the Channel has been to Dover making arrangements for a swim attempt by Miss Beckwith. Tom, the pilot, who accompanied Webb, has been engaged, and, according to present arrangements, Miss Beckwith will attempt the feat in the second week in August, when the tide and the temperature of the water are considered most favorable.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SUBSCRIBER—Old pens are not a salable article. DELMAR AVENUE—If you will walk along Grand avenue with your eyes open you will probably see the work of the cable railway in progress.

S. L. D.—Boycotting a person means cutting off all intercourse with him. The plan was first tried by the Irish on an English landlord named Boycott.

CONSTANT READER—The old falls of the Ohio River at Louisville have been improved away by the works carried on by the Government at that point.

SUBSCRIBER FOR FIVE YEARS—Compton Hill Reservoir does not supply all the pipes. A large part of the city is supplied directly from the Bissell's Point engines.

J. F. DELACROIX—The original meaning of the word "notorious" had nothing unfavorable in it, but universal usage has made it applicable only as a term of censure; it is now reversed otherwise. A. is right.

THE METROPOLITAN PRESS.

What the Editors of the New York Journals Are Saying To-Day.

By Telegraph to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, AUGUST 9.—"THE WORLD" says: "How the brass trumpets and beat the big drums, the great Gen. Butler has stepped into the field at last, and placed himself at the head of the Blaine's reserve, ready to do Homian service on the Republican side in the presidential campaign. For some time the great Gen. Butler has remained in a state of suspended animation. He has been communing with a spirit of Tammany in New York and wrestling with the substance of Arthurian at Washington. He has been holding reporters at the distance of his foil with the carte and tierce of a famous 'yes' and 'no' answer to all inquiries. He has been keeping the anti-monopoly leaders in a sort of circumlocutionary uncertainty and has seriously disturbed the security of Mr. George O. Jones' Greenback mind. But all this is over. With a long snort and a pompous strut, the great General Butler, donning his campaign, has now marched to the front, drawn his long sword, thrown

away the shabbard and declared himself ready to do battle in the cause of the three big 'Bs, Butler, Blaine and Buncombe."

THE TIMES says: "The necessities of the Blaine campaign are great. The latest demand upon the faithful is that an evening paper in the interest of the much fatigued man shall be started in this city. This is an unmet need at the Commercial Advertiser and at Mr. Cyrus W. Field's stock jobbing sheet, but the need is great and considerations of prudence for favors past cannot be allowed to stand in the way. Murtat Halestead is the man chosen to stand in the breach, and he is about the best fellow and the weakest newspaper man who could have been found for the task."

THE SUN says: "The nomination of Gen. Butler will bring out two new classes of Independents. The bolters against Blaine who are going to support Cleveland have publicans, but there are a good many Republicans who admire Gen. Butler, and who will be likely to prefer him to the Republican candidate. These are the Cleveland Republicans to be called Independent Republicans. Perhaps they will be content to be called Butler Republicans. A better Republican name, vigor, ability and courage in a public man, and waste honestly at it. It is a good name enough."

THE TRIBUNE says: "A very persistent attempt is made by the Democrats to create the impression that the German-Americans are hostile to Mr. Blaine, but strangely enough they have never been able to produce a single word spoken or written by Mr. Blaine in the least degree unfriendly to the Germans. On the other hand, Mr. Blaine has had up to him to several occasions to testify to his respect for his fellow-citizens of German descent, and on one occasion in a very marked and public manner. His letter of invitation as Secretary of State, July 30, 1881, to the representatives of Baron Steuben's family to attend the Yorktown celebration is a strong proof of his admiration for that great people. One of the results of this courtesy on the part of Mr. Blaine was somewhat noteworthy, and though to some extent personal in its nature, may justifiably be quoted in answer to the misrepresentation of the Democratic press. So pleased and gratified was the German Government with the course of the American Secretary of State in this matter that the Emperor William and the Crown Prince of Germany had their portraits painted especially for Mr. Blaine and presented to him through the German Legation in Washington."

A Watch Dog for the Treasury. St. Louis, August 9, 1884.

Where goes the money that comes in by boat-riding in our city parks and who controls that? Please answer. An Old Subscriber.

[We are not certain, but our impression is that the money received from boat-riding is appropriated to feeding the ducks.—Ed. P.D.]

Butler's Platform.

Webster seemed to have had premonitions of the illustrious Massachusetts statesman's record in New Orleans when he defined "Butler" as "an officer in a household whose principal business it is to take charge of the liquors, plate, etc."

Better Look Out For Himself.

Uncle Dick Oglesby is fooling around New York, unfolding to the National Republican Committee a plan for the salvation of the country. It occurs to us that Uncle Dick will do his whole duty if he contrives to save himself next November.

Evidence.

Clergymen on his way from church, to a son of a parishioner, rather addicted to hunting on Sunday—My little boy, I didn't see your father at church this morning. I am afraid he does not fear God. Young Heathersmith, yes, I guess he does; he took his gun with him this morning.

Mr. Arthur as Cool as a Cucumber.

FAMOUS FIGHTERS.

Celebrated Knockers-Out of Prize Ring Fame.

Big and Little Guns in the Fistic Circles.

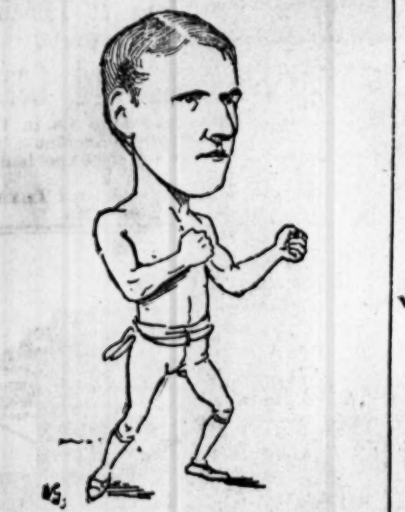
Heavy, Middle and Light Weights of International Renown.

Well-Known Characters Who Row and Wrestle for a Living.

Since London Prize-Ring rules have been abolished and fistic contests are confined to gloves, so as to keep within the pale of the law, men who "put up their flukes" are constantly looking for opponents, providing the gloves are not too hard and the duration of the contests limited. All the celebrities have met lately and a few of their pictures are given below:



HARRY HILL.
In New York and one of Harry Hill is equally well known. Where he is not known personally he is by reputation, and there are some people who imagine that his picture is the only one of interest in the metropolis. In person Mr. Hill is quiet and dignified. His hair is silvery gray and his countenance not unlike the chronophotographs of "the father of his country." Mr. Hill has been in the prize ring for more than thirty years, but his voice has not yet lost the accent which at once betrays the whereabouts of his native land. In his youth Harry was a club swinger and wrestler, and he still loves to tell of his pugilistic inclinations and become a professor of the manly art. That he is really a professor can be attested by Charlie McCoy, Mike Cleary, Jimmy Ryan, John P. Crow, Higgins, the dangerous blacksmith, John Bennett and others who have had fair opportunities of feeling the weight of his good right hand. Although McCaffrey is not yet 21 years old, he is a perfect model of muscular development.



JACK DEMPSEY.
This prominent light weight pugilist was born in County Kildare, Ireland, and is 21 years old. He is 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall, and weighs in condition 140 pounds. He was first introduced to the public as a collar-and-elbow wrestler, but he soon became a prize fighter and entered the ring. His first battle was with Ned McDonald. They met April 7, 1883, and fought twenty-seven rounds in thirty-eight minutes. Dempsey being declared the winner. In the following August he met Jack Boylan for \$100 a side. November 18, 1883, he met Robert Allen "Cocky" Turnbull, and after fighting eight rounds in thirty-three minutes, during which Turnbull was knocked down several times, the referee decided the battle a drawn one. His next battle was with Billy Dacy, whom he whipped in nine rounds. They were backed by George Fullam, and the latter was induced to fight the ring again to fight Dempsey. The match was made for \$1,000 a side, with an extra contribution by admirers of the men of \$500 to go to the winner. The fight took place July 30, and Dempsey won after fighting twenty-two rounds in thirty-nine minutes.



GEORGE FULLAM.
This clever light-weight pugilist was born in England, February 18, 1862. From his infancy he has been a "sport." His father, Thomas Fullam, kept the "Old Horseshoe," in London, a place where pugilists, and the patrons of sport congregated. George, when a lad, was sent to a boarding-school, where he received a good education, but developed a love for boxing, and before he had mastered the multiplication table he understood the intricacies of the science of stopping and getting away. Among the frequenters of his father's place were Tom Sayers, John Heenan, Tom King, Tom Mace, and he now delights to recount the things that he heard from those oracles of the "P. R." When fifteen years old he fought Young Spider of Woodwich for \$2 a side. They fought 14 rounds in 45 minutes and Fullam won. Then he fought Moses Althoff and defeated him in 73 rounds in 1 hour and 37 minutes. He fought young Cassius in 30 rounds in 20 minutes. When the police interfered and the battle was declared a

draw. His last battle was his first defeat. But although badly punished he gained the respect of even his antagonist, Jack Dempsey, for his game play.



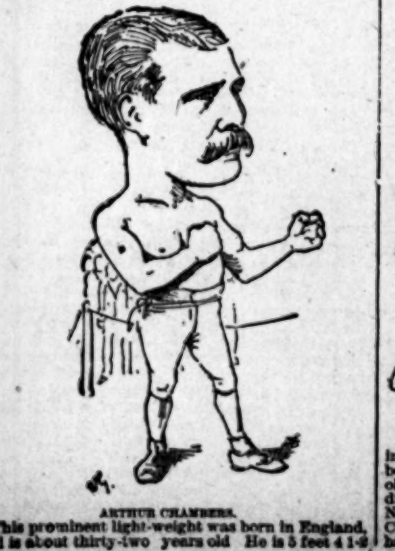
CHARLIE MITCHELL.
Had the present English champion lived in the last century, he would have been the most popular man of the day. Cool under adverse circumstances, clever and scientific as a fighter, possessed of intelligence and education beyond that of the average pugilist, it is not to be wondered at that he enjoys the friendship of men of wealth and station in this city. He first saw the light of day in Birmingham, England. He was born in 1862, stands 5 feet 8 1/2 inches tall and weighs 164 pounds. He won the English championship at Billy Madden's tournament in 1882 and then came to this country. He defeated Mike Cleary, was defeated by John L. Sullivan and fought a draw with Jake Kilmer in Boston. The recent fizzle at Madison Square Garden was no fault of his. He is now sick with malaria, but hopes to be well in time to meet Sullivan in September.



PROF. MCCLELLAND.
Prof. McClelland has turned out many excellent sparring men for his classes and has done much glove fighting on his own account. His most celebrated bouts were with Mike Donovan at San Francisco, where, after battling for several hours and until both men were almost exhausted, the referee declared a draw. McClelland indulges in a saloon up town, and puts in his spare time giving lessons to young and aspiring glove fighters.

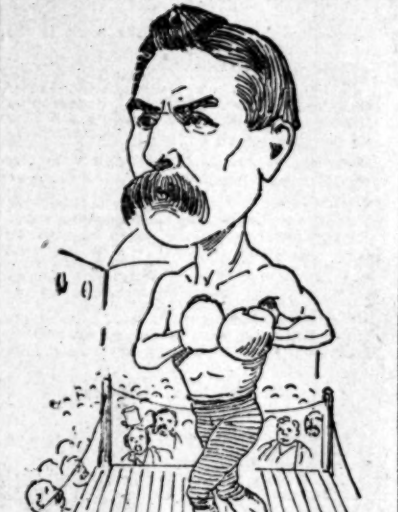


PETER MCCOY.
It is chiefly as the trainer of John L. Sullivan that McCoy is known, although he is really one of the most scientific middle-weights in this country. He is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches tall, and weighs about 150 pounds. Pete is of Irish parentage. He is quick and has a good right hand. His ability to shift and fight with either hand is a rare one. Some time ago he fell in with Sullivan, who admired him and giving him a home in the city. He has since fought McClelland, the champion of that section of the country, with hard gloves, and won after a long and desperate battle. McCoy's last victim was Craig of Springfield, whom he whipped in four rounds. Donald McCaffrey and McCoy are matched for a knocking-out contest on August 25.



ARTHUR CHAMBERS.
This prominent light-weight was born in England, and is about thirty-two years old. He is 5 feet 4 1/2

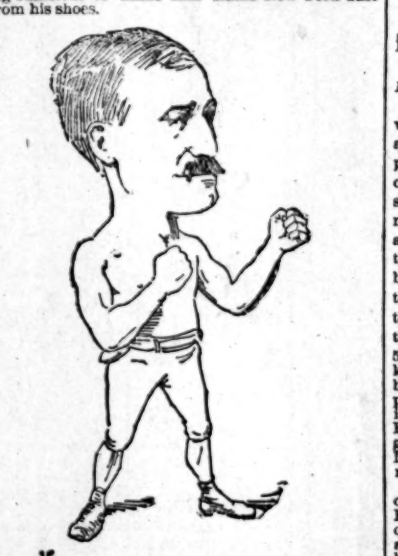
inches tall, and weighed in fighting condition 128 pounds. Of late years Arthur has not figured as a principal, being satisfied to retire with the title of light-weight champion won from Billy Edwards. He established a sporting resort in Philadelphia. Recently Arthur has been a backer of professional sprint runners and lighters, and he will back Jim Mitchell to fight any man at 125 pounds. His career in the ring was a succession of brilliant battles, in which he was generally successful. His knowledge of ring tactics and strategy makes him valuable as a trainer or second, and it is generally said that any man he handles will win. He seconded "Tom Wilson when the latter made the famous 'touch-and-go-down' fight with John L. Sullivan. "The Truism" when he fought Charley Mitchell a draw at Flushing and Jack Dempsey in his fight with Fullam.



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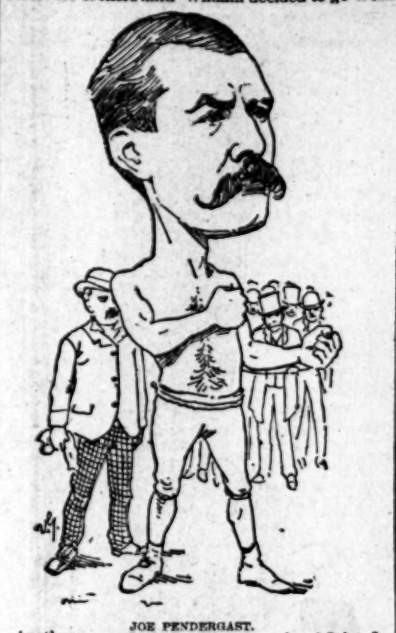


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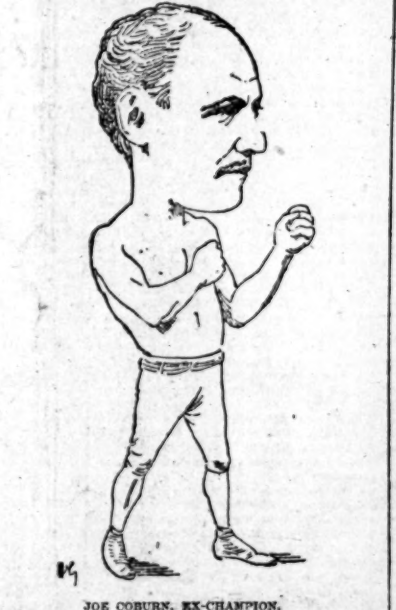


WILLIAM MULDOON.
This famous Greco-Roman wrestler was born in Belfast, New York State, and once boyhood has been a participant in athletic sports. He is 30 years old, stands 6 feet 11 inches tall, and weighs, in condition, about 190 pounds. When a member of the New York police force he started the Police Athletic Club and Gymnasium. He is a powerful man and has won numerous prizes for the championship.

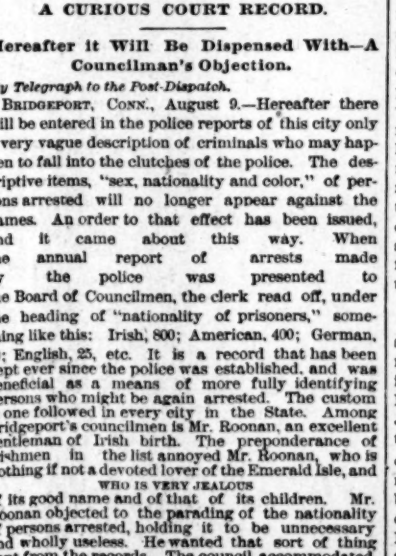
which he lost to Whittier. He defeated William Miller, Prof. Bauer, James Quigley and Edwin Bibby, winning from the latter the medal emblematic of the championship. Muldoon is truly a lover of the game, and he will back any man who will wrestle better than I do the Commissioners, and I will wrestle any man who will back a resort for brokers until William decided to go West.



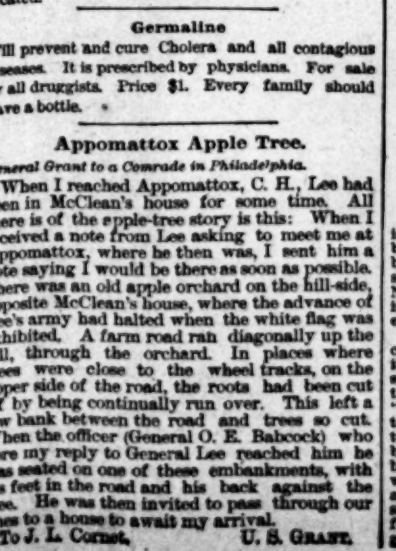
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CREMATORIES TO BE BUILT

Novel Plans for Incinerating the Bodies of Our Dead.

Open Graves and Sealed Catacombs Discountenanced and the Blazing Furnace Recommended as a Sanitary Substitute—How the Remains are Reduced to a Handful of Ashes.

"And so, from hour to hour, we ripe and ripe, And then, from hour to hour, we rot and rot; And thereby hangs a tale."

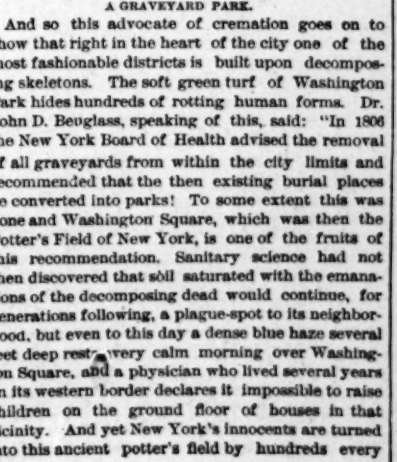
"We don't say that we can prevent the human form from ripening," said a prominent member of the United States Cremation Company yesterday, "but we do claim that cremation does away with the rotting, the putrefaction, the changing of the body into slimy, green, foul-smelling mould. It is a clean, healthful method of disposing of the dead. Plans have been submitted for a crematory to be built over in Williamsburg, and we have bought and paid for a tract of ground on Mount Olivet avenue, in a short time we hope to begin work on the furnace, and then," rubbing his hands at the delightful prospect, "we shall be able to incinerate ten bodies every day."



The company has not yet adopted plans for the building, and the artist has sketched in the above out a cheap foreign crematory. Unfortunately it looks somewhat like a blacksmith shop. The establishment of the New York society will be vastly more elaborate, it is claimed. From the outside it will present the appearance of a Gothic chapel. The marble pillars, the stained glass windows, the winding walls leading through grassy lawns, past murmuring fountains up to the broad steps, the absence of smoke or heat—all these will combine to make the place as little like a human furnace as possible. Inside the building there will be a chapel where appropriate burial services can be read, and in the basement convenient niches will be built for the storing away of urns containing the ashes of the dead. It is claimed that the place will be made so attractive that persons once seeing the process of cremation will long to yield themselves up to the same refining fire. Once let the general public understand the merits of cremation and the cemeteries are doomed, say the advocates of incineration.

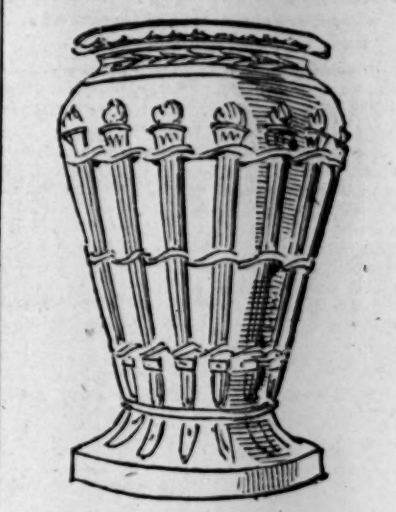
That graveyards are hotbeds of disease most physicians agree. A few go further and declare that to bury the dead is a foul, barbarous, heathenish custom. The lowest savages bury their dead, the most civilized barbarians burn them, but the refined nations of Europe and America go back to the savage custom of putting putrefying bodies under ground. "Should the doors of these death dungeons be opened," said a prominent physician, "and the inmates of the charnel-houses be seen in all the repulsive loathsomeness of protracted putrefaction wherein, through long decades of centuries, the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched, there would be no more advocates of burial. Once let the public see the green, putrefying mould oozing through the rotting boards of a slimy coffin, the fat worms wriggling and burrowing through this mass of foul corruption, and no one could bear to see a friend put underground. Of the great cemeteries about New York there is not one, not even Woodlawn or Greenwood, in the public lots of which three or more bodies are not put in one grave. In the public or poor quarter of Calvary cemetery a far worse state of things is to be seen. A trench is dug, five feet wide, ten to twelve feet deep and of indefinite length, in which the coffins are stowed tier upon tier, making a flight of steps five or more deep, and with not enough earth to hide one from the next. And this is our vaunted 'Christian burial' in this new country with its myriads of broad acres! What shall our children say of us when they come perforce from stress of space to build their dwellings upon these beds of pestilence?"

A GRAVEYARD PARADE.
And so this advocate of cremation goes on to show that right in the heart of the city one of the most fashionable districts is built upon decomposing skeletons. The soft green turf of Washington Park hides hundreds of rotting human forms. Dr. John D. Beugless, speaking of this, said: "In 1800 the New York Board of Health advised the removal of all graveyards from within the city limits and recommended that the then existing burial places be converted into parks! To some extent this was done and Washington Square, which was then the Potter's Field of New York, is one of the fruits of this recommendation. Sanitary science had not then discovered that soil saturated with the emanations of the decomposing dead would continue, for generations following, a plague-spot to its neighborhood, but even to this day a dense blue haze several feet deep, very calm morning over Washington Square, said a physician who lived several years on its western border declares it impossible to raise children on the ground floor of houses in that vicinity. And yet New York's innocents are turned into this ancient potter's field by hundreds every day."



On the other hand it is claimed that incineration is not only hygienically proper, but is a cheap and beautiful method of disposing of the dead. The burning advocates, however, tell of the roasting glow of the furnace, the sunset blush of death, the flash of the flames, the heat of the furnace, and the fact that the body is not burned but incinerated. The remains are brought into the chapel of the crematory and placed on a catafalque that is in reality an elevator. After the service the remains are lowered out of sight as it is lowered to the mouth of the furnace, which has been heated to a white heat. "Then," says an eye-witness, "as the door of the furnace is opened the rushing air cools it from white to red heat and the whole interior is filled with a beautiful rose light that is fascinating to the eye. The body, densely clad as for burial, is laid in a crib, which is covered with a clean white sheet, and the sheet is then put into the retort. The sheet retains its original position and conceals the form until nothing but the bones are left, and these gently crumble into dust as under the mystic touch

of an invisible agent. The process might be called the spiritualization, or the etherization of the body. There is nothing repulsive or painful about it. There is nothing which need shock the most sensitive tastes nor offend the most delicate sensibilities. The burning scene is said to be really fascinating and the society expects to receive large accommodations to its numbers as soon as the crematory is put in operation. This process is accompanied by no slight sound of sound, and the cost of transporting the dead bodies, a furnace could be erected in Madison Square without offense.



After an hour in this "bath of rosy light" the turning of a lever deposits the ashes in a receptacle beneath the furnace. The remains are clean, pearly ashes, almost transparent in their purity. The average weight is about six pounds. The ashes can be put in a terra-cotta or a marble urn, and placed in a niche in the columbarium of delivered to friends, as they may desire. The general adoption of incineration would not do away with cemeteries, with columbaria-houses for the storing of urns, and turned into parks. These vaults could be built in every style of architecture and beautified by succeeding generations, one family using the same columbarium for centuries. Or say the advocates of cremation, if the desire to bury still exists, friends may take those pearly ashes and set them in the walks about the mortuary chapel and plant violets, hellebores and forget-me-nots in them from year to year.

"And from his ashes may be made The violet of his native land." The economy of this method of disposing of the dead is especially recommended. The cheapest funeral costs nearly \$100. The cost of cremation need not exceed \$15. To this may be added, if desired, \$5 for an urn, \$10 for a niche in the columbarium, where the urn may be kept, and \$10 for an inscribed tablet to be placed in the wall below the niche commemorative of the dead. The cheapest burial in a cemetery is nearly three times this expense.

As a biblical recognition of cremation, its advocates point to I Samuel, xxxi., 13, where "the men took the body of Saul and his sons and burned them there."

THE UNITED STATES CREMATION SOCIETY now numbers nearly two hundred members. They come from every station in life. Brokers, physicians, merchants, ministers and politicians have paid at least \$25 for one share of stock. This insures their cremation if they so desire and if friends do not object. Miss Kate Ford, of Columbia College, Prof. Felix Adler and his brother, R. U. Johnson, of the Century; Keyser & Schwartzmann, of Fick, and Gustav and Frederick Lesser, the Brooklyn dry goods men, are prominent members. Other subscribers to stock are Dr. Bloodgood, of the navy yard; Jacob Windmiller, president of the German Savings Bank; James H. Brown, president of the New York Fire Works; Dr. Alex. Bergham, Augustus G. Cobb, C. W. J. Dreher, Paul Fritzsche, Adolph Frankland, John Frankenstein, E. and Nelson Greenfield, Dr. Julius Goldmann, Meyer J. Janssen, Dr. J. C. Hamilton, Dr. L. King, J. C. McCree, Courtland Palmer, Jacob Schiele, Elias Rothschild, Miss Anna Olin, of No. 58 Clinton avenue, and Miss Esther Horner, of No. 58 West Sixty-fifth street.

Other subscribers to stock are Dr. Bergham, John D. Beugless, James B. Brown, Ed. Ward, A. Caswell, Augustus G. Cobb, Edward C. Cockney, H. H. Hager, Leonard H. Hager, H. H. Putzell, Augustus Schwartz, A. C. C. Pausen-Henry Lusk.

ATTACKED BY KNIVES.

A Pair of New York Hoodlums on a Drunk and a Terrified Cook.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
New York, August 9.—Harry T. Harrow of No. 368 Ninth avenue, left his restaurant at No. 290 Ninth avenue, in the charge of his cook, Elizabeth Tibbs, early yesterday morning while he went home for a few moments. Hardly had he gone, when Joseph Collins, a laborer, and Charles Bobb, a baker, who had been carousing, staggered into the place and fiercely demanded breakfast. Elizabeth was terrified into serving them with coffee, rolls, and fish cakes. They ate like beasts, not using forks or knives, and at intervals abused the woman, who at last said: "When my boss comes back he'll make you behave. At this time men rose and, crumpling into their pockets what remained of the meal, started for the door. The woman interrupted them and asked them to pay for the food. They used language that is the chief characteristic of the "Tenth Avenue Gang" and Harrow came back, found them hauling his cook about by the apron and breaking crockery. He pulled them away and called on them to pay. They asked "What's he doing?" and he threatened to send for a policeman. Bobb then seized a table knife and attacked Elizabeth, cutting her scalp in two places. Then turning on Harrow he stabbed at his head and cut through his hair. Harrow grappled with him, but Collins, who had followed them, then set upon the woman and kicked her brutally in the thigh and back. Then they went out, and a few feet, fast and two cobble stones.

WICKED THE SHOW WINDOW.
And the glass door. As they were running into Twenty-sixth street and toward South avenue Harrow discovered that still saturated with the emanations of the decomposing dead would continue, for generations following, a plague-spot to its neighborhood, but even to this day a dense blue haze several feet deep, very calm morning over Washington Square, said a physician who lived several years on its western border declares it impossible to raise children on the ground floor of houses in that vicinity. And yet New York's innocents are turned into this ancient potter's field by hundreds every day.

THE SOUTH AGAIN VAUNTETH ITSELF.
By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
It was a Southern man, Schley of Maryland, who commanded the expedition that recaptured the city of Mexico. It was a Southern man, Lockwood of Maryland, who reached the highest latitude ever trod by a white man. Further, Southern men commanded and composed the armies that closed the revolutionary war, that closed the war of 1812, and that closed the Mexican war. And it was the South that furnished the greatest General the world has ever seen. It furnished also the men who shaped the Constitution of the United States and made the greatest of modern nations. Let our young men remember these facts and prove that the old race has not perished with the old South. The dark days are nearly over. There is a future of manufacturing and commercial supremacy in store for this section, and these forces control politics.

A GOODLY ARRAY.

The Theatrical Attractions for the Fall and Winter Season.

What the Several Theaters Will Present in Drama, Opera, Minstrelsy, Pantomime, Vaudeville, Etc., Etc.

The fall season of the last season was not only marked in St. Louis circles but was very general all over the country, and there were a number of very legitimate and logical reasons for the same. Good attractions and dramatic representations of absolute merit did, in almost all cases, a business which was enormous and unprecedented and even some of the lighter and "frothier" entertainments had balance sheets at the close of the campaign which warranted managerial speculations in the way of European trips, yacht tours, circuits of the lake or continental resorts in the mountains or at seashore cottages. The immense volume of goods, impressions and notes not only loud, but deep, which ascended to the firmament—or went in the other direction—were from the proprietors of "fakes," as the professionals call them, and in all conscience there were never so many on the road. The truth is that the Americans generally will soon

RYAL THE PATRIARCHS In their love of theatrical and operatic performances, and the demand on the resources of the amusement centers have been so great that they could not answer the demand. The St. Louis scenic firm of Noxon, Albert & Toomey have equipped since January 1 a lot of eight or ten houses in the smaller cities, and in prosperous towns, which in most cases will far favorably compare with the establishments in the larger cities. At Elkhart, Ind., for instance, they are now finishing up a theater whose cost will slightly exceed \$50,000. Take St. Louis herself and note the advance and increase in these matters. Ten years ago there were three houses in the city, including the variety theater, and to-day the same field is occupied by no less than seven, the addition of one being made to the number for the coming season. This state of affairs is noted all over the country, and the old simile is applied very aptly of the short blanket covering the long man. The many very thin and miserable attractions of last year were due to those very causes, the stars, the companies and the notes being

TOTALLY INADEQUATE to the demand. There will be a very decided improvement in the coming season, and although experiments will result in a fair share of failures and excesses of an equivocal nature, attractions will be better classified, and there will be a decided increase in the number of really good and attractive shows. This will be well evidenced by the list of attractions, which will be given at the several theaters, appended below. There will be a surfeit of rubbish to be sure, and there will be weeks and weeks of bad business to correspond, but the managers appreciate that the public are less "glib" than of yore and are acting accordingly. A number of old-time successes will be produced, but in addition there are a goodly number of new attractions and some absolute novelties, which will create considerable interest. There will be an influx of foreign stars, whose movements are not definitely determined upon. St. Louis, however, will have to do without Irving the coming season, unless he changes his route as already planned, and this is to be regretted, as much interest will be felt in the new characters he will introduce in his American repertoire. Mary Anderson is also expected to come abroad and has already planned considerable work for herself in London. If she returns to America it will be in the last half of the season.

The list of attractions given below are not nearly complete in some instances, several managers being still absent in the East filling dates.

Pope's Theater. Matters are in such a chaotic state at Pope's that it is very questionable whether the establishment will be ready for the opening on August 31, when the Callender Minstrels were to have begun an inauspicious season. The house will be literally a new one with a largely increased stage and auditorium, and will be as beautiful in its interior surroundings as art and good taste can make it. Mr. Pope will, of course, devote all of his time to the general supervision and management of the house, while Mr. Withers will direct the orchestra. Mr. W. F. Dickson will preside over the finances, and his popularity with the patrons of the house is most assuredly a great asset.

The probabilities are that Pope's will open September 14 with the comedy-drama of "The Rajah," which has achieved a very pleasant record in London. It is one of the Madison Square productions, and of these Mr. Pope has secured a monopoly. In this class are also found "May Blossom," a Belasco dramatic, which has made one of the chief successes in New York during the past season.

"Hazel Kirke," whose success was as great last season as during its first production, a half dozen seasons ago, will be produced.

"Young Mrs. Winthrop," Bronson Howard's pretty musical comedy, will be produced.

"The Professor," a quaint production which has been remarkably successful, and in which Miss Belle Jackson will appear as Daisy Brown.

The Hanlons will appear in their new pantomime novelty "Patsens," which they have been at work perfecting several years.

Dion Boucicault will appear in his new Irish drama "Robert Emmet," supported by a strong company.

Robert Mantell will appear in the latest London sensation "Called Back."

Mr. Theo will appear in French opera bouffe in the Grand Comptoir.

The Bijou Opera Company will play a season with "Orpheus and Eurydice."

Gardner, Gilmore and Gallagher's successful spectacle, "The Kidnappers," will be produced for the first time in St. Louis, this spectacle having made a great success at Niblo's and elsewhere. It is billed for three weeks. Their grand new spectacle of "Sieba" will be superbly produced.

Carrie Swain will produce her new play late in the season.

Lizzie May Ulmer will appear in her new play, "Daddy Girl."

Sausbury's burlesques will produce some new musical extravaganzas.

Roland Reed will appear in "Cheek," and probably a new comedy.

The Kralitz's new spectacle, "Sieba," will be produced in elaborate style.

C. M. Pike's New York Opera Company will appear in a round of new and popular light operas.

The usual Uncle Tom's season will be filled in to please the peculiar class of patrons it interests.

Ernest Rialley's Comedy Company will play an engagement.

The Kralitz's European specialty troupe, a remarkable combination, is booked for a week.

Manager Pope has several other important engagements, which will be duly announced.

Olympic and Grand.

These houses being virtually under one management, Manager Norton—who is still very busy in New York—is making his bookings in most cases without special reference to the house in which the star or company will appear. The list thus far is anything but complete, and the following was gleaned from an official source:

Robson and Crane will play their usual engagement at the Olympic, producing their well known comedy-farces, with the addition of one or two new ones.

Joe Jefferson and his admirable company will appear in a round of old comedies.

Letitia will appear with several European purchases, said to be admirably suited to her

Chas. Bradshaw will be her comedian the coming season.

John McCullough, with John A. Lane as leading support, will appear in his usual round of legitimate characters.

Laurence Barrett will appear in his well known repertoire, adding perhaps an important role to the same.

Fanny Davenport will play a week's engagement at the Grand in her great last season's success of "Fedor."

The Goodwins will appear at the Grand in "Confusion," under the Station management.

Margaret Mather will fill out a week in legitimate comedy at the Olympic.

M. B. Curtis will picture the Hebrew drummer on the road, at the Olympic.

Mrs. Janss will produce a classic and heavy repertoire at the Olympic.

The Planter's Wife, with Harry Lacy and Emily Rial, will be given at the Olympic.

John T. Raymond will play in his political comedy and other comedy roles at the Grand.

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